

**REMARKS**

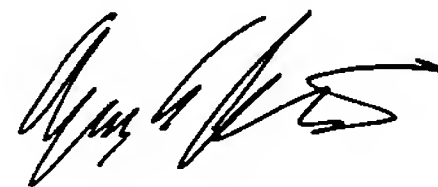
Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended is respectfully requested. Claims 1 through 19 are pending. In this Amendment claims 2 through 8 and 10 through 17 are amended. No new matter is added.

Applicants have amended the claims to remove the multiple dependencies.

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding the present response, the Examiner is invited to contact Ajay A. Jagtiani at 703-591-2664, Ext. 2001.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



---

Ajay A. Jagtiani  
Reg. No. 35,205

**JAGTIANI + GUTTAG**  
Democracy Square Business Center  
10363-A Democracy Lane  
Fairfax, Virginia 22030  
703-591-2664

March 4, 2005